

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 13 has been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

CONCLUSION


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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